(c) whether Government would make it mandatory for all the States in undertake examination of the cattle and, if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government for providing good quality milk to the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Gnerally the milk has calcium content of 120-210 mg/100 cc. Calcium is essential for the formation and maintenance of bones and teeth. The milk deficient in calcium contents will not provide the desired benefits.

(c) and (d) As per surveys conducted by the scientists of Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar on the prevalence of Mineral Deficiency in cattle calcium deficiency in soil ranged from 26.32% to 27.71%, over-all prevalence of fodder calcium deficiency was 19.08% to 25.82% and prevalence of calcium in serum in cattle was 28.86% to 31.81%. Due to mineral deficiency, the animals show anaemia, debility and reproductive failure and suffer from paraketosis and pica. In such cases, mineral mixture are prescribed. The Milk and Milk Products Order (MMPO, 1992) has been notified for enforcing/prescribing standards for quality and food safety.

Assistance to Gaushalas and Panjara Poles

1725. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been sanctioned to Gaushalas and Panjara Poles from the amount of Rs.25 crores declared on 18th December, 2002 to save the cattle in drought affected States;

(b) what is the mechanism to decide about the quantum of such financial assistance; and

(c) what are estimated numbers of cattle heads in drought affected areas of the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) A Committee has

been constituted as per the *suo-moto* statement of the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

So far no funds have been sanctioned to Gaushalas and Panjara Poles as authenticated information has not been received from any State.

(c) Estimated numbers of cattle heads, State-wise is given in Statement.

Statement

Cattle Heads in Drought Affected States
(as per 1997 census)

State	Cattle Heads (In thousands numbers)
Andhra Pradesh	1057†
Gujarat	6749
Haryana	2400
Himachal Pradesh	2174
Jammu & Kashmir	3175
Karnataka	10831
Kerala	3365
Madhya Pradesh	28129
Maharashtra	18072
Orissa	13810
Punjab	2639
Rajashthan	12881
Tamil Nadu	14931
Uttar Pradesh	22047
West Bengal	17832
Uttaranchal	NA
Jharkhand	NA
Chhattishgarh	NA